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Indiana Land Resources Council Meeting Minutes

Date: March 19, 2002

Location: Office of the Commissioner of Agriculture

Members Present:

Bob Guernsey
David Hess
Eric Kelly
Mary McConnell
Riely O'Connor
Joe Pearson
Sam Smith
Don Strietelmeier

Members Absent:

John Fernandez

OCA Staff:

Joe Tutterrow
Sara Westrick

Assistant Commissioner Joe Pearson called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Eric Kelly moved and Sam Smith seconded the motion to approve the November 27, 2001 minutes and the January 22, 2001 minutes. The motions passed unanimously.

Jamie Palmer (Center for Urban Policy and the Environment) provided the draft report of the Indiana Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (IACIR) survey that dealt with Planning Issues. The fifteen-page draft report was discussed. Council members should have follow-up questions prepared by the July Council meeting for Jamie. [Handout]

Jill Saligoe-Simmel (Indiana Geographic Information Council) provided an update of the statewide initiative. [Handout]

Key points included:

- The GIS Council has formed as a 501(c)3 organization
- The Council is currently working on a statewide inventory of GIS that is expected to be completed by August.
- Emphasis is on locally generated data.
- Compatibility of data is key.

Bob McCormick (Purdue, Planning with POWER Program) provided a program update, including a list of counties that are in the process of implementing this program. [Handout]

Wendy Dant (Indiana Rural Development Council) provided an update on the IRDC's Rural Economic Development Strategy. This initiative is the result of 2001 legislation that requested that the IRDC "develop a Rural Economic Development Strategy to assist Indiana's rural residents in improving their quality of life and in helping promote successful and sustainable rural communities." [Handout]

Joe Pearson provided a budget update. [Handout]

Julia Wickard (Office of Commissioner of Agriculture) provided an update of the Indiana Commission for Agriculture and Rural Development (ICARD). [Handout]

Wickard's presentation included information on:

- The Strategic Plan for Indiana Agriculture
- Agriculture Grants
- Counter Terrorism and Security Council (C-TASC)
- Environmental Issues

Ron Lauster (Natural Resource Conservation Service) provided an update on the development of the Indiana Farmland Protection Program, 2002 Plan. [Handout]

Ron Lauster gave a presentation on the Indiana Land Use Harmony Project. [Handout]

Eric Kelly moved and Sam Smith seconded the motion that this draft proposal becomes a top priority of the Council's Work Plan. The Council agreed by consensus that it should become a top priority for 2002. A project outline will be submitted to the Council for approval at the May 21st meeting. Eric Kelly moved and Sam Smith seconded the motion to allocate \$50,000 of the grant funding that is available through the Indiana Economic Development Corporation, contingent upon finding matching funds. The motion passed unanimously.

The Council spent the remaining time discussing the 2002 priorities and refining the document. [Handout]

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:
Joe Tutterrow, Director